

MODERATOR BIOGRAPHY

MIKE VOISIN

Mike Voisin is owner and general manager of Motivait Seafoods, an oyster farming and seafood processing/distribution company in Houma, Louisiana. He has operated Motivait for 36 years. Mr. Voisin also owns and manages Captain Salty's Seafood, Inc., a seafood distribution company in Vernon, California, as well as Wine Island, Inc., a subsidiary of Motivait.

Mr. Voisin is a member and former chair of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Oyster Dealers & Growers. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees and former President of the Gulf and South Atlantic Fisheries Foundation. He serves of the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana University Marine Consortium Foundation and the Louisiana State University Marine and Coastal Fisheries Advisory Board.

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JOHN "RANDY" CATES

Mr. John ("Randy") Cates was born and raised in Hawaii. His involvement with the marine industry began in 1980 when, at the age of 15, he trained dolphins for the U.S. Navy. Later, as a commercial fisherman, he owned and operated a fishing vessel and ran a local fish market.

Cates International was the first company in the nation to be issued an open ocean lease for mariculture. Over its six years of operation, Cates International has raised more than one million pounds of Moi, or Pacific Threadfin.

In 2007, in partnership with Steve Case, Mr. Cates formed Hukilau Foods, which is constructing Hawaii's largest commercial fish hatchery and expanding the offshore fish farm. Once the hatchery is in operation, Moi production will increase from 1 million to 12 million pounds per year.

Mr. Cates serves on the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee which advises the Secretary of Commerce.

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ROD MOORE

Mr. Rod Moore is Executive Director of the West Coast Seafood Processors Association, a non-profit trade group representing privately-owned fish processing companies in Oregon, Washington, and California.

A veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a graduate of the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, he has over thirty years of experience in fisheries policy, science, and management, as well as a lifetime of sport fishing. His background includes work with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mr. Moore has served on numerous international fisheries delegations, the Secretary of Commerce's Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee, as a budget advisor to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, as president of a non-profit fisheries research group, and as Chair of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's Groundfish Advisory Subpanel. Mr. Moore was appointed to the Council in 2005 as an at-large member from Oregon.

HEATHER DAVIES MCCARTY

Ms. Heather McCarty is President of McCarty and Associates in Juneau, Alaska. Ms. McCarty has an extensive background in marine research management, seafood marketing, marine resource conservation, and aquaculture policy development. She has more than 20 years experience as a fisheries policy consultant.

During 1999/2000, Ms. McCarty conceived and implemented the formation of the Pollock Conservation Cooperative Research Center at the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Fisheries and Oceans Sciences, and co-founded the Marine Conservation Alliance, a cooperative fishing industry coalition in Juneau to undertake public education and political advocacy for Alaska's fisheries.

Ms. McCarty is a member of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC), and chairs the Advisory Panel of the North Pacific Research Board.

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MARION KAISER

Ms. Marion Kaiser, a 30-year veteran of the seafood business, is owner and chair of Aquanor, a Boston-based international seafood business.

Ms. Kaiser's interest in aquaculture began in the early 1980s, when she helped introduce Norwegian farmed salmon to the U.S. market. This work led to her involvement in the production, distribution and marketing of salmon farmed in Maine and New Brunswick. She has also worked with Iceland's Ministry of Agriculture to develop the U.S. market for Arctic Charr.

Ms. Kaiser has held numerous leadership positions with the National Fisheries Institute, including serving on its executive committee and its aquaculture committee. She has been an officer and board member of the New England Fisheries Development Association and was founder and first president of the New England Seafood Producers Association. Locally, she served on the Massachusetts Governor's Seafood Council and is a member of The Mayor of Boston's Business Advisory Committee.

ROLAND BARNABY

Mr. Roland Barnaby is an Extension Educator in Fisheries and Aquaculture at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) Cooperative Extension/Sea Grant, a position he has held since 1988.

He organized the first Open Ocean Aquaculture Conference in 1996 and has been a member of the UNH Open Ocean Aquaculture Demonstration Project team since its inception in 1997. He also served on the NOAA/USDA National Aquaculture Extension Steering from 2004 -2007.

Mr. Barnaby also enjoyed an extensive career as a commercial fisherman. In 1978 he launched his own 42' gillnet vessel, and five years later started a restaurant and retail/wholesale seafood business.

He has served as President of the Portsmouth Fishermen's Cooperative, been on the Board of Directors of both the NH Port Authority and the New England Fisheries Development Foundation, and on the Sea Grant Policy Advisory Committee.